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SUBJECT: IAEA PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS WITH THAI
AMBASSADOR

1. IN CALL ON THAI AMBASSADOR TALABHAT
SEPT. 1, I EXPLAINED BACKGROUND U.S./IAEA
SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AND REQUESTED THAI
SUPPORT AT SEPT. 17 BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING FOR THIS AGREEMENT. I THEN WENT ON
TO DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION AT RIO AND
ALLUDED TO MATTER OF PLO OBSERVER STATUS NOTING
IT WOULD BE RAISED BY AMEMBASSY BANGKOK.

2. AMBASSADOR TALABHAT INDICATED HE WOULD
REPORT SUBSTANCE BY CALL TO BANGKOK BUT STRONGLY
RECOMMENDED AMEMBASSY BANGKOK MAKE
APPROACH TO SECRETARY GENERAL, MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ANAND PANYARACHUN WHO WILL REPRESENT
THAILAND AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING AND GENERAL
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CONFERENCE OF IAEA. ACCORDING TO TALABHAT, THAI

GOVERNMENT, BASED ON CABINET DECISION, HAS SUPPORTED PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN UN AND ITS AFFILIATED AGENCIES AND ALSO SUPPORTED UNGA RESOLUTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. TALABHAT INDICATED HE PERSONNALLY AGREED WITH OUR POSITION THAT INsofar AS POSSIBLE POLITICAL ISSUES SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF IAEA AND THAT IT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO BEST INTERESTS OF ALL MEMBER NATIONS, INCLUDING AFRICAN STATES, FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO BE EXPELLED FROM IAEA OR FOR PROSPECTIVE FRENCH/SOUTH AFRICAN/IAEA SAFE-GUARDS AGREEMENT TO BE REJECTED.

3. TALABHAT FELT PANYARACHUN AS THAI REP WOULD BE IN VERY DIFFICULT POSITION TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT APPEAR IN CONFLICT WITH PREVIOUS THAI POSITIONS IN UN IN ABSENCE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS HIS GOVERNMENT. ACCORDINGLY, HE URGED THAT AMEMBASSY BANGKOK BRIEF PANYARACHUN ON SOUTH AFRICAN AS WELL AS PLO ISSUE SO THAT HE IN TURN WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY SEEK APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THAI COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT AMEMBASSY BANGKOK TO RAISE SOUTH AFRICAN AND PLO ISSUES DIRECTLY WITH SECRETARY GENERAL PANYARACHUN.STONE

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